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Apartments, Other Parts of Town Faced Flooding on August 10

by Amy Hansen

Flooding again hit Greenbelt on Wednesday, August 10, as rain pelted the city, leaving as much as three inches of water in an hour, according to the National Weather Service.

Greenbelt Police tweeted a warning to residents: “Do not travel through flooded roadways – even shallow water can quickly disable a vehicle.”

Flood waters were spotted in Greenbelt West, Greenbelt East and Central Greenbelt. Parke Crescent Apartments, on Crescent Road adjacent to Roosevelt Center, flooded once again and was the site of a serious water-rescue.

A resident, who didn’t want to be identified but did give her video of the flood to NBC Channel 4 News, was completely flooded in her apartment, with water rising to 5 feet. She floated on her mattress while waiting for rescue. Outside, standing in hip-deep water, the firefighters could not open the doors because of water pressure and had to break the window to get her out safely.

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PHOTO BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department Technical Rescue teams from Station 806/Springdale and Station 814/Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department respond to the water rescue call on August 10 at Parke Crescent Apartments in Greenbelt.

Mail Carrier Cesar Delivers Mail, Good Cheer on his Route

by Kyla Hanington

When I asked Cesar Oregon if I could accompany him on his mail route for a story for the Greenbelt News Review, he answered immediately in the affirmative. “We are going to walk really fast and we’re going to pat all the dogs,” he promised. As I was definitely capable of doing one of those two things, we arranged to meet in a few days’ time.

We met at 11:30 a.m. at the start of the Ridge Road portion of his route. Cesar explained that he started work promptly at 9 a.m. each morning, after the most important part of his day: taking his children to school. “That’s what we teach the kids,” he said,

“always be on time.”

I don’t know anything about how mail routes work, so I asked him to explain it to me. Cesar told me that, upon starting work in the mornings, each mail carrier is responsible for organizing the mail for their own route. He showed me how he organizes his truck, the paper mail in bins in address order, packages in sequential order on the shelves above. I was immediately aware of how efficient Cesar could be.

“You can be fast.”

“I can be fast, yes,” he agreed.

We started off. At the first house, the owner came to the

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Cesar Oregon describes the organization of his truck.

City Council Nails Down Some ARPA Spending Priorities

by Deb Daniel

At its August 8 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved the first set of expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the city received. In response to a petition from Public Works employees, council deferred action on premium pay for city employees until August 29. Council also rejected a contract for monument signage and extended the application period for the Reparations Commission.

Premium Pay

Public Works employee Michael Canavan petitioned council to increase the premium pay for first responders. He was accompanied by approximately 30 current and former Public Works employees who are first responders. He noted that their duties include both emergencies like downed trees and snow removal, and regular responsibilities of maintenance of facilities, ballfields, landscape and vehicles.

Canavan questioned whether giving premium pay to all city employees is consistent with federal guidelines. Interim City Manager Timothy George said a portion of the ARPA funds is unrestricted. Canavan said that first responders face increased health risks as they do their jobs and in-

teract with the public. When they go home, protocols for preserving the health of their families may require additional precautions such as isolation and disinfecting clothes. Canavan noted that Public Works and the Police are both first responders.

George responded that he had decided not to use a “tiered” payment system (where some employees are essential and other employees are not essential) due to the difficulty in deciding which employees faced a greater risk. Several Public Works employees said it was unfair for first responders to get the same pay as employees who faced minimal risk.

Mayor Emmett Jordan favored the tiered approach and suggested breaking the Premium Pay for Essential Employees (ARPA priority Item #1) payment into two payments. Councilmember Colin Byrd suggested a first payment of \$4,500 and a second payment of \$2,500 for premium pay. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested altering the payment schedule for tax reasons. Byrd suggested leaving the payment schedule decision to first responders themselves. Resident Lois Rosado urged council to approve premium pay without any further

public meetings.

Davis suggested a separation of the ARPA priorities 1-24 into ARPA Premium Pay as Priority 1 followed by ARPA Priorities 2-24. Davis then moved to separate the ARPA priorities 1-24 and the motion passed with Councilmember Rodney Roberts voting no to the motion.

Council next addressed the need for speed in getting these checks out to the first responders. Council’s next regular meeting will be September 12.

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PHOTO COURTESY PGCPD

ERHS Principal Dr. Portia Barnes

ERHS welcomes ERHS graduate Dr. Portia Barnes as its new principal. Barnes said she is “excited to continue in the Roosevelt Way, building on tenets of Respect, Integrity and Responsibility.” “I am overjoyed to be back home,” Barnes said. “When I walked the halls during my high school journey, I would have never thought I would be back here as the principal – and the first female principal. I consider myself home-grown – it does not get any better than that. The opportunity to nurture, lead and support the growth of the staff and students is exciting. To now walk the halls as a leading servant is very full circle.” Raised in Prince George’s County, Barnes was in the Science and Tech program and graduated from ERHS in 1989.

Having worked as administrator of the Science and Technology program at Oxon Hill High School, where she was an assistant principal, Barnes sees similarities and contrasts between Oxon Hill and ERHS. Oxon Hill had a smaller popula-

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What Goes On

Monday, August 22

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Small Cells, Ethics Commission, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 24

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar on greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Face Masks Required Again In County Public Schools

As of August 12, before teachers and students are back in the buildings, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has gone back to requiring masks.

“In light of the highly contagious Covid-19 BA.5 variant, PGCPS will return to a mandatory mask policy in all schools and facilities until further notice,” the system said in a press release. The new mandatory masking

policy started on August 15 and was recommended by the Prince George’s County Health Department.

PGCPS had gone to an optional mask policy in July, the press release said, adding, “Mask policy is subject to change according to the local and/or state health department guidance and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations.”

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The school district has three top priorities for this year, Barnes stated: school culture and climate, accelerating achievement in mathematics, and social emotional learning and mental health. Barnes said that because “the pandemic and distance learning resulted in interrupted academic and developmental growth, all plans for ERHS will be rooted in that reality and closing that gap.”

While ERHS did not have a full roster of teachers at the time of interview, Barnes was “optimistic we will be staffed 100 percent by the first day,” after filling four instructional vacancies.

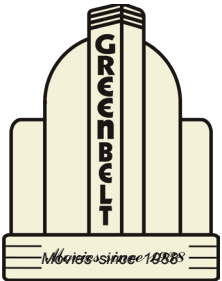
Barnes studied biology at North Carolina A&T State University and achieved her childhood dream of becoming a doctor with a degree from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, practicing medicine in Baltimore, North Carolina and Prince George’s County. After teaching at Prince George’s Community College, Barnes turned to education as a full-time career at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in 2006, where her many roles included biomedical science lead teacher and academy of health and biosciences coordinator, before moving to Oxon Hill.

Correction

The article Stormwater, Sewer Lines Are Perpetual Issues for City in the August 11 issue misquoted the statement of Debbie McKinley, GHI vice president, regarding solutions to flooding problems within the community. She stated, in the August 3 worksession, that “even minor adjustments can have unintended consequences.”

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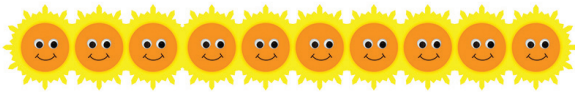
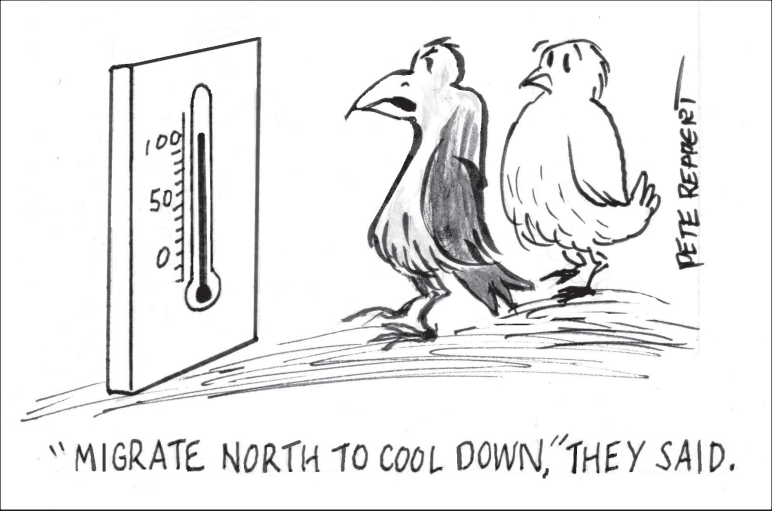
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Double-petaled lilies

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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On

Marcel is an adorable 1-inch-tall shell who ekes out a colorful existence with his grandmother Connie and their pet lint, Alan. Once part of a sprawling community of shells, they now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. But when a documentary filmmaker discovers them amongst the clutter of his Airbnb, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope at finding his long-lost family. A beloved character gets his big-screen debut in this hilarious and heartwarming story about finding connection in the smallest corners. A mockumentary directed by Dean Fleischer, with a screenplay by Marcel-creators Jenny Slate and Nick Paley.

Nope

From Jordan Peele, the acclaimed director of Get Out and Us, comes this thriller with elements of horror, mystery and sci-fi that has become one of this summer’s blockbusters. Two siblings who run a California horse ranch discover something both wonderful and sinister in the skies above, and the owner of an adjacent theme park tries to profit from the mysterious, otherworldly phenomenon. Starring are Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer. “Hunting for hidden meaning within the story and the pictures deepens the complexity of our relationship with the movie,” said critic Melanie McFarland of Salon.com, “but that’s also a distraction from the simple enjoyment of its popcorn-flick simplicity.”

The Emoji Movie

Hidden inside a smartphone, the bustling city of Textopolis is home to all emojis in this animated family comedy. Each emoji has only one facial expression, except for Gene, an exuberant emoji with multiple expressions. Determined to become “normal” like the other emojis, Gene enlists the help of his best friend Hi-5 and a notorious code breaker called Jailbreak. During their travels through the other apps, the three emojis discover a great danger that could threaten their phone’s very existence.

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Community Events

Recreation Fall Activity Guide Available Online

The Greenbelt Recreation Fall Activity Guide and registration information are now available at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation. Upcoming programs include seasonal community celebrations and classes enabling participants to learn something new or improve their skills, all while socializing and staying active.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 22, for Greenbelt residents and at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 29, for nonresidents. Classes begin during and after the week of September 12. For more information, call 301-397-2208.



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Youth pottery is one of the options available in the Fall Recreation Guide.

Greenbelt Plogs Seeks Litter Picker-Uppers

What is “plogging”? Plogging is a wacky way of saying “pick up litter while you jog or walk.” Plogging was coined by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist, Erik Ahlstrom. Plogging comes from plocka, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an exercise that helps the environment while taking care of one’s health.

Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, is a fun and engaging way for Greenbelt residents to take action and help prevent stormwater pollution by cleaning up litter from the streets, streams, stormwater ponds, etc. Greenbelt Plogs will encourage people to make picking up litter a habit.

To help make Greenbelt sparkle, join Greenbelt Plogs, by contacting Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Astro Society Hosts Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host an in-person and Zoom star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, August 20, at the city observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop. Zoom details may be found on the events calendar at greenbeltastro.org a few days prior.

Observing will begin at 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot (a right turn), not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Stronger Memory Program Here

The City of Greenbelt’s GAIL Program and Dementia Friendly America – Northern Prince George’s County Sector, in partnership with Goodwin House Inc., a senior living and health-care services organization located in Northern Virginia – will offer an innovative brain health program for older adults.

The Stronger Memory program consists of simple activities practiced daily to engage the working memory and trigger brain activity in the prefrontal cortex. Research indicates that participants who spend just 20 to 30 minutes a day engaged in simple reading, writing and math activities can experience stabilized or improved cognitive functions. Participants will receive a workbook which contains the daily tasks.

The Stronger Memory program runs for 12 weeks, with one 30-minute check-in each Thursday led by a StrongerMemory group facilitator. The program will be held at the Community Center, senior classroom, and runs September 15 to December 8 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Three Sisters Garden Tidyup and Science

This summer has been blessed with lots of rain and plants are growing like crazy. However, big storms have downed trees, caused flooding and damaged all three of the gardens at the city’s East, West and Center. Three Sisters West Garden and Food Forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center were especially hard hit, as was the Schrom Hills Park Three Sisters East Garden. The following volunteer events are open to the public:

Friday, August 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Three Sisters Garden West at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Flood and storm cleanup, seed saving harvesting, August plantings. Finger food provided.

Friday, August 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Three Sisters Garden East at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Storm cleanup, repairing bamboo entranceways, August plantings and seed saving harvests. Finger food provided.

Citizen Science

Saturday, September 10, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Online Zoom session, Introduction Workshop for Chesapeake Climate Countdown Citizen Science – volunteers needed. Register at events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eja823y6ae424ae5&oseq=&c=&ch.

Volunteer and Learn Composting Workday

On Saturday, August 27, starting at 9 a.m., join other volunteers in an outdoor workday at the three-bin hot-composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Learn how to prepare food waste, diverted from the Co-op Supermarket, for rapid hot-composting. Enjoy snacks and conversation while working. High school students who participate can earn volunteer credits.

Hot composting works keeping organic waste from the landfill, where it produces methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases. To learn more, come by anytime between 9 and 11 a.m. on August 27. Email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com with questions.

Labor Day Festival

Art, Photo Shows Return Digitally and In Person

by Katherine Zevallos

It’s mid-August, which can only mean one thing for Greenbelters: the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is right around the corner. Children and adults alike are excited for the rides, games and funnel cakes. Other community favorites are the Art and Photo Shows. The people of Greenbelt are gifted with so much artistic talent, and it’s almost time to put that talent on display.

Art Show organizer Mona Atari made it happen last year. A big believer in and advocate for the joy of the arts, Atari got the word out, encouraging any and all to enter. Although it was not possible to hold it in person, the Virtual Art Show was highly successful.

This year, the Greenbelt Art Show will take a hybrid format, with Atari again in charge. Artwork must be submitted digitally, but artists are encouraged to drop off the pieces they submitted online to the Community Center for public display. The deadline for digital submissions of artwork is Friday, August 26. The online

submission form can be found at greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/art-show. For questions about the Art Show or help with submitting pictures of artwork online, email Atari at laborday.artshow@gmail.com.

The Photo Show, organized by Keith Zevallos, will also follow a hybrid format this year. Participants must submit photos digitally, but, as for the Art Show participants, Photo Show entrants are encouraged to also drop off their photos at the Community Center for public display. The online submission form can be found at greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/photo-show. For questions or submission assistance, email Keith Zevallos at laborday_photoshow@yahoo.com.

After online submissions close, judging will take place virtually. Show entrants will be contacted with the date and time to stop by the Community Center with the winning artwork and photos for display at the in-person Art Show and Photo Show.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Cookies at the Bridge Seeking Volunteers

Looking for something fun and worthwhile to do? Consider Cookies at the Bridge. The group meets weekdays from 3:15 to 4 p.m. to offer cookies to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home. If interested, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755 and leave a message or ask questions.

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Saturday, 8/20:

Zoom Poetry Open Mic, **1 - 3pm** (Sign up at RockyDude.com)

AND

Still Standing (*Rockin' Blues & Jump*), **8 - 11pm**

Sunday, 8/21:

Fez Tones Hafla, (*Middle Eastern music*), **6 - 8pm**

Tuesday, 8/23, Early Bird Tunes Open Mic w/ Michael Cooney, **6:30 - 9:30pm**

Wednesday, 8/24, Scotch and Soda (*Acoustic Jazz*), **7 - 9pm**

Thursday, 8/25, The Badger Band (*Fresh Jams & Originals*), **7 - 9pm**

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Greenbelt celebrates a centenarian: Rachel Mertz turned 100 years old on Saturday, July 23. Rachel requested some chocolate and a gift card to Panera Bread to celebrate, which she received at a recent Golden Age Club meeting. A tree will be planted in her honor later this fall.

Gordon Appointed Chair Of MML Young Leaders

Councilmember Brandon “Ric” Gordon was appointed chair of the Young Municipal Leaders under the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for the 2022-2023 term. His role will be to support elected officials who are 50 or under and assist the next generation of leaders to be prepared for new responsibilities.

“I am humbled and excited to work with my fellow vice chairs to build a strong team. As the first African American to be named chair, I am ready to get to work to help steer the next generation of state leadership,” said Gordon.

Gordon is not only the first African American to hold this position but also the first person from Greenbelt to hold the position.

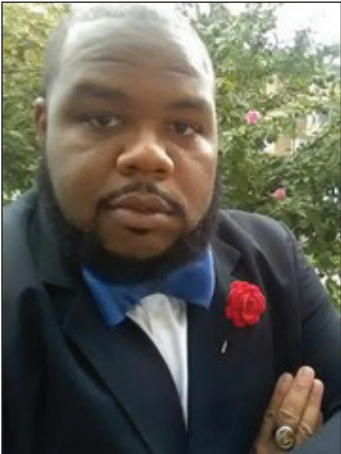


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Councilmember Ric Gordon

Based on information received in a city press release of August 12, 2022.

Ukrainian Refugee Temporarily Housed Here; Works with Camps

by Frank Gervasi

Mariya Tsybulnyk fled her home city of Kharkiv, Ukraine, soon after the Russian bombs started falling. She spent some time in a dank, makeshift bomb shelter near her home in the center of Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine, which is close to the Russian border. She then brought her mother west to relative safety at her brother’s house and boarded an airplane for the United States.

The number of Ukrainians displaced is staggering. Currently, there are more than 12 million refugees. Of these, 5 million have fled the country and 7 million are internally displaced, with 27 percent of those fleeing the Kharkiv region. Of those 7 million refugees, 24 percent said their homes had either been partially or completely destroyed.

Here on a tourist visa, and fluent in English, Tsybulnyk initially stayed with a cousin in Beltsville. She is currently staying in Greenbelt at the home of Kathy Rodriguez and Uri Yokel. “She is a delightful guest,” said Uri, “and we love having her here.”

Tsybulnyk graduated from medical school in Ukraine as a pediatrician. She had been employed in Kharkiv but cannot work in the U.S. legally. Instead, she has been doing vol-



PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

Mariya stands with the workers on the Community Center frieze.

unteer work with the children at Greenbelt’s Camp Pine Tree and Creative Kids Camp summer programs.

Having traveled to the U.S. previously as a tourist, she is both familiar with the country and likes being here very much. However, her visa expires soon and she will be moving to Toronto, Canada, at the end of August, where she can find legal employment.

“I’ve really enjoyed living here in Greenbelt. I feel like people are united here, they do a lot for their city and enjoy their lives,” Tsybulnyk said. “People are very active here, the city is clean and beautiful, and it’s a perfect place to live.”

The Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee is currently working to bring a Ukrainian family here to safety in Greenbelt. They are glad to have had Mariya Tsybulnyk here and wish her well in her stay in Canada.

A Bit More Peace Through Meditation

In a world where many often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided-meditation classes to Greenbelters and non-Greenbelters for the past seven years. Meditation this year is offered via Zoom.

The remaining sessions are from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Mondays, August 22 and 29.

For more information contact Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.

Class sizes have ranged from 8 to 20 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and between classes. Common experiences outside of the classes have been for attendees to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times. These classes offer an opportunity to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace.



Crisis Hotline’s New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

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City Extends Deadline For Reparations Com.

The city has extended the application deadline to serve on the Reparations Commission to Wednesday, August 31. The commission will consist of 21 members who will discuss the issue of reparations for African Americans and Native Americans within Greenbelt, and make recommendations to the city council. In addition to Greenbelt residents, council is seeking applications from Greenbelt businesses, faith-based groups and other stakeholders.

On August 12, Interim City Manager Timothy George stated that the city already has over 20 applicants. “With this date extension, we just want to ensure that every Greenbelt resident has the opportunity to apply for this historic and ground-breaking appointment.”

To apply for membership on the commission, applicants need to submit a completed application and Code of Conduct form found at greenbeltmd.gov/reparations by August 31 to: City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For questions, call City Clerk Bonita Anderson at 301-474-3870.

City Notes

In preparation for the Labor Day Parade, Public Works hung banners throughout the city and trees were limbed up along Crescent Road.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.57 tons of refuse and 10.56 tons of recyclables.

Horticulture/Parks continued hazardous limb clean-up from multiple storms and Public Works and Recreation staff assessed water problem areas in various facilities. The Aquatic & Fitness Center staff, in a rapid response to flash flooding, protected inventory and prepared the area for Public Works inspection. Park rangers surveyed parks for hazardous storm debris and patrolled the Lake path during a Buddy Attick Park Summer Fun Run.

The Community Center provided free space to the Golden Age Club, Labor Day Festival Committee, Greenbelt Pottery, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Greenbelt Nursery School.

Arts held a reception in the council chambers featuring artist John Drago, whose paintings are on view through October.

Flora Li of CARES attended training on different options and costs for senior care in the U.S.



Red Cross Urgently Seeks Blood Donors

The next Red Cross blood drive with available appointments will be held at the Community Center on Friday, August 26 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. and at the Greenbelt American Legion on Monday, September 12 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Other nearby drives will be held on various dates in College Park, Glenarden, Cheverly, Silver Spring, Laurel, Savage Mills and Bowie.

To find a convenient drive and schedule an appointment to donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor app or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 22-26

Monday, August 22 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - SMALL CELLS/ ETHIC COMMISSION**

Tuesday, August 23 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, *On the Agenda: Minutes of June Meeting, Labor Day Parade, Report on Council's Work Session with Advisory Committee Chairs, Grants Planning, AOB*

Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**, *On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles: Energy/Alternative Energy Circle, Food Systems/Sustainable Land Care/Pollinators Circle, Green Building, Land Use, Transportation, Local Economies, Waste Management/Zero Waste Circle, Water; Events/Other; Adjourn*

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA (ATHA)**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

CITY OF GREENBELT REPARATIONS COMMISSION

Application Deadline Extended to August 31

Interested in serving on the Reparations Commission?
Find our application at www.greenbeltmd.gov/reparations

Join us this fall for the STRONGER MEMORY PROGRAM

Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom #114

Thursdays September 15 - December 8
10 - 10:30 am

The stronger memory program consists of simple reading, writing and math activities, practiced 20-30 minutes daily with the goal of stabilizing or improving cognitive functions. The goal of Stronger Memory is to support older adults who are experiencing symptoms of forgetfulness, difficulty with recall or have received a diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) or early-stage dementia.

There is no cost to Prince George's County residents.

Register by contacting Sharon Johnson at (240) 542-2029 or by email at sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

Class size is limited to 15 participants

Greenbelt CARES Presents... LEARN WAYS TO CONTROL YOUR ANGER

Where: Online

When: Monday Evenings from 7 - 8:15 pm
July 18 - September 19
9 sessions - *No Class September 5*

Cost: Free **Who:** Adults, Ages 18+

Contact us to Enroll: cares@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT RECREATION'S 2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL MINI FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

August 23 10am-2pm
6101 Cherrywood Ln., Greenbelt, MD

Free backpack with school supplies for the first 75 registrants

To register, call (240) 542-2033 or visit <http://ow.ly/ACQ250JRPzk>

THE GAIL PROGRAM PRESENTS

PINK PANTRY

This program provides period products
to income qualified Greenbelt residents

August 23, 10 am -- 2 pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Please fill out the survey here: <http://ow.ly/zSip50Kgk0i>
Or call (240) 542-2019

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://bit.ly/3yXpMwD> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.



Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 8/1/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 298 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,299,973.93

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 12 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$40,337.07



Lots of yard debris after all the recent storms?
Make Yourself Acquainted with Public Works'
Yard Waste Removal and Chipper Rules

Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped! Stack branches on the curb with ends facing in the same direction and then call (301) 474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection! Help get rid of all of your unwanted debris from all of our recent storms.

Visit <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/trash-recycling/yard-waste> for a complete rundown on the rules for yard waste pick up, chipper rules, and more.

Do you enjoy serving your community? Are you available every third Thursday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm?

COME OUT AND HELP AS A PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEER!

To sign up, contact Flora Li at fli@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 412-2480

FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

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The breast care center is led by Dr. Regina Hampton, a breast surgeon with more than 15 years of experience. Call **301-552-7805**, or make an appointment online at **dchweb.org/breast**.

In addition to breast surgery, LHDCMC offers a variety of surgical services including general surgery, orthopedic surgery, thoracic surgery and more.

*Dr. Regina Hampton,
Medical Director of the Breast Center at LHDCMC*

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The floodwater was trapped between the apartments and the retaining wall, leaving no place for the rain water to move but into the apartment.

This is the second water-rescue firefighters have performed in this apartment complex in as many years (greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20210819.pdf).

Mayor Emmett Jordan said the August 10 storm was amazing. “The amount of rainfall is more than the stormwater system can handle,” he said. When asked why the apartments were occupied and allowed to flood again, he said, “We [the City of Greenbelt] don’t have full authority over use and occupancy.” That authority rests in the county planning board, he explained.

Jordan said he had been thinking about the previous occupants of those flood-prone apartments, and, in fact, those apartments came up in the August 3 council worksession. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby told council then that the two apartments decimated by flooding in August 2021 met the city code for habitation but had not been rented (see greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20220811.pdf).

The recent storms, Jordan said, have been hard on the city and “Public Works has been doing a phenomenal job.”

Willis Shafer, director of Greenbelt Public Works, said he was there watching the storm on August 10. He and his crew went to the flooded area and cleaned up the debris on the public rights of way and sidewalks as quickly as possible.

While Public Works dealt with clearing storm drains, the August rain came just as the crews were starting to relax a little, Shafer said. After the wind storm on July 12, the crew was working extra hours. “We worked two Saturdays to address hazards, and then went back to a normal schedule,” he said. The crew continues to remove fallen trees and identify hazards, such as leaning limbs that are hidden in the tree canopy.

Asked about the cost of clean-up for all the summer storms, Shafer said he is currently putting together numbers to brief the city manager and council, but did not yet have them done.

The owners of Parke Crescent Apartments did not respond to a request for comment for this article.



Floodwater rips through parts of Franklin Park on August 10.

PHOTO BY CAROLYN LAMBERT DAVIS



Floodwaters inundate 11 Court Ridge Road.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEARNEY



Storm debris accumulates at the city's compost pile at the end of Northway.

PHOTO BY DEANNA DAWSON

Hamilton Place Tree Down



The entire top of an enormous willow oak at the corner of Hamilton Place and Ridge Road snapped off – in two pieces – on the morning of Friday, August 12, a clear, sunny day. The branches took down wires and caused nearby courts to lose power. A large phalanx of trucks from Pepco and tree contractors arrived on the scene and closed the road for several hours to restore power and cut up branches and the rest of the tree. At the end of the afternoon, all that was left was a low stump.



- Photos by Sandy Rodgers

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HYBRID ART SHOW

Entry Deadline August 26



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Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Celebrate Fresh Tomatoes At the Co-op and New Deal

by Jill Stevenson



PHOTO BY JILL STEVENSON

Product Manager Teddy Lawrence sits among the tomatoes.

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is all about providing seasonal favorites year-round. One summer favorite, the tomato, is one of the most common garden fruits/vegetables in the world, found in nearly every diet and culture. They contain the carotene lycopene, a powerful natural antioxidant. “Tomatoes are super easy to incorporate into any meal,” said Dan Gillotte, general manager. “They make an impressive display and provide delicious results.”

Originally from South America, the tomato spread around the globe, becoming one of the best-known vegetables, though technically classified as a fruit. As British journalist Miles Kington once stated, “Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.”

The Co-op’s Tomato Celebration begins on Monday, August 22. As shoppers enter the store, they will find fresh late-summer tomatoes at their peak of ripeness. “Late summer tomatoes are amazing – they need celebrating,” said Teddy Lawrence, produce manager. They can be eaten raw, with a sprinkle of salt and/or pepper on every slice. In the Deli, look for a fresh Caprese salad with tomato, mozzarella,

basil and balsamic vinegar.

The New Deal Café will begin serving a fresh house-made gazpacho starting also on Monday. “Preparing a refreshing and delicious cold tomato soup is perfect for hot August days,” said Gillotte. The New Deal always features fresh tomatoes on their house-made pico de gallo for tacos or with chips.

Be sure to get those favorite recipes out and be ready to whip up a favorite tomato-based dish. Want to try a new recipe? Here is one from Grace Elkus at thekitchen.com:

Caprese Salad with Balsamic Glaze, serves 4

- 3 to 4 medium ripe tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch
- 1 pound fresh mozzarella cheese, 1/4-inch rounds
- 1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- flaky sea salt, black pepper
- 2 T extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 T balsamic glaze

Instructions

Arrange tomato and mozzarella slices on a platter. Scatter basil leaves on top. Sprinkle with flaky salt and grinds of black pepper, to taste. Drizzle olive oil and balsamic glaze over all. Serve.

– Jill Stevenson is marketing, membership and community outreach coordinator for the Co-op.

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Councilmember Ric Gordon moved that August 29 be a special council meeting for Premium Pay ARPA Priority #1. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Other ARPA Approvals

Council then turned its attention to the next 23 ARPA priorities. Items of particular interest are:

- Item #3, Provide grants and develop programs to support Greenbelt businesses and nonprofits – \$1,500,000. Jordan suggested expanding grants to include community grants and microgrants.
- Item #5, Expand Greenbelt CARES services: Fund evidence-based youth mental health programs, more services for those with mental health issues; Aging Support Services for frail and at-risk seniors – \$1,500,000.
- Item #12, Residential rental and utility assistance; homeowner assistance – \$1,500,000.
- Item #19, Design an addition to Springhill Lake Recreation Center (parking issues) – \$100,000, and
- Item #19b, Design-build project for addition to Springhill Lake Recreation Center – \$400,000. This item may include a police substation consisting of a police officer and a vehicle in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center along with space for Greenbelt CARES. Roberts suggested that adding a police substation to Beltway Plaza might be more effective than a police substation at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Davis then moved to approve ARPA Items 2-24 with resultant funding. Six councilmembers voted yes to the motion with Roberts voting no to the motion. The ARPA Priorities Spreadsheet is on the city’s website, greenbeltnmd.gov (under Government, City Manager’s Office), and includes all 70 priorities.

Administrative Reports

George reported that the grant coordinator position has been posted and the new inclusion position is in the works. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby discussed a slight delay in the paving of Buddy Attick Park parking lot caused by a grading issue.

Legislation

Council considered a contract to build a new signage wall at the entrance of Historic Greenbelt on Southway for \$39,000. Com-

munity Planner Holly Simmons explained that the monument signage purchase would be a cast stone monument with sidewalk repair. The contract does not include lighting or pole signs. Roberts said the contingency clause in the contract was not acceptable and he preferred a fixed-price contract. Total cost for the project would be \$59,006.20. Jordan expressed that he does not favor this proposal because he would like more signs for Greenbelt East and West to better demarcate the city. Jordan also would like to include cleaning up the sign “clutter” of old and obsolete signs throughout Greenbelt. Council rejected legislation on the purchase of a gateway signage wall by a 3 to 4 vote.

Davis introduced a resolution for first reading to authorize the city to make recurring purchases exceeding \$10,000 annually from specified vendors.

Reparations Commission

Council considered whether to extend the deadline for Reparations Commission applications, and discussed the interview process. Jordan questioned the necessity of having a deadline. He moved to keep the application process open until all positions are filled. Davis said that might lead to applicants being selected before all applicants had been interviewed. She wanted a fixed date and all applicants interviewed. If all the commission is not selected from that applicant pool, then the deadline can be extended. Davis felt that to get a diverse committee, all applicants in the pool must be interviewed until the committee has all its members. In terms of private vs. public interviews, the applicants for the Reparations Commission will be interviewed in the same way as for other committees. Rosado encouraged council to include a diverse group of applicants, including those from the business, religious and homeowners association (HOA) communities. Councilmember Kristen Weaver moved to extend the deadline until the end of August and do more to promote the committee to business, HOA communities and other groups. Six councilmembers favored the

motion with Jordan voting no.

Labor Day Festival

A full Labor Day Festival is happening this year, for the first time since the pandemic. The Labor Day Parade will take place on Monday, September 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. The first parade took place in 1956. Resident Linda Ivy, president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, mentioned the attractions of the Festival. Rides will be running on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. A wide variety of live music will be on site. For the latest information on the Labor Day Festival, go to greenbeltlaborday.com.

Nichelle Nichols

Byrd proposed that December 28 be named Nichelle Nichols Day, as Nichols was regularly active in NASA and visited Goddard Space Flight Center frequently. Nichols was an actor who played Lt. Uhura in the Star Trek television series, and was highly regarded for her work promoting science and engineering in space. Davis and Weaver suggested that establishment of an annual “person” day might lead to having every day be a person day. Jordan suggested having a proclamation this year only on December 28 for Nichelle Nichols based on her association with Greenbelt.

Davis moved for approval of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board Proposal to remove a small pavilion and the metal grill from the Greenbriar tract. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Greenbelt Writers Group Meets Friday Evening

Calling all writers: The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet in person on Friday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. In July, the group had a successful meeting with shared thoughts on unfinished or unstarted works and where we hope to go in the near future. The group welcomes area writers to join and continue that discussion this month. There may be time for brief readings for anyone bringing works in progress. Masks optional. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

HYBRID PHOTO SHOW

Entry Deadline August 26

<https://bit.ly/gldphotoshow>

Auto Auction

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08/29/2022
10 - 11:30 a.m.

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Greenbelt Youth Baseball

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Bingo at the Labor Day Festival

Location: Community Center Lawn on the festival ground

Games: \$0.25 for 1 card/game, \$0.50 for 3 cards/game
Memorial games and Blackout Games
Games will be played with using beans to minimize waste generated

Benefits: Staying true to the original mission of the Labor Day Festival, bingo proceeds will support improvements needed for the fields, equipment, and provide equitable access to America's Pastime.

Please reach out greenbeltyouthbaseball@gmail.com for memorial game planning or questions

Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from August 8 through August 14. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Shooting
On August 10 at 9:12 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane. Police were notified by a local hospital that an adult male arrived with injuries stating that he was shot in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane. When officers arrived at the scene, they located evidence of the shooting. The victim's injuries are non-life-threatening.

Carjacking
On August 11 at 11:39 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive. The victim stated two males wearing masks pointed a gun at the victim and took the victim's vehicle. The victim was not injured. The victim was able to ping the location of their vehicle, and DC Metropolitan police later located the vehicle. An 18-year-old male was arrested for carjacking.

Autos Stolen
On August 8 at 7:59 a.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a 2015 Mercedes C300 was stolen; at 9:53 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a 2021 Toyota RAV4 was stolen after it was left unattended, running, unlocked, with the keys inside; on August 9 at 2:22 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Auto Vandalism
On August 8 at 6:10 a.m. near Ridge Road, passenger window broken, nothing taken; on August 11 at 5:47 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, rear passenger window broken, nothing taken; on August 13 at 7:41 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, passenger-side mirror broken, trunk door tampered with; on August 14 at 7:43 a.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, front passenger window broken, nothing taken.

Auto Vandalism & Theft
On August 14 at 8:40 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, front passenger-side window was

smashed and car was rummaged through, nothing of value was taken. A second vehicle had its passenger-side window smashed and the vehicle was rummaged through, personal property taken. A third vehicle had its driver-back-side window smashed and the vehicle was rummaged through, personal property taken. A fourth vehicle had its passenger-side window smashed and the vehicle was rummaged through.

Break-in
On August 14 at 4:50 p.m. near 9168 Edmonston Road, victim returned to residence to find the patio door open and unsecured, personal property taken.

Disorderly Conduct
On August 8 at 5:27 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, customer threw items in a store, banned from property.

DUI
On August 8 at 12:05 a.m. near Hanover Parkway/Hanover Drive, DUI arrest; at 1:56 p.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, DUI arrest; on August 12 at 9:22 p.m. near Greenbelt Road/Cherrywood Lane, DUI arrest.

Fight
On August 8 at 11:29 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, two acquaintances got into a physical altercation.

Missing Person
On August 13 at 9:53 a.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, 15-year-old juvenile male was reported missing.

Theft
On August 8 at 4:46 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, money taken from bank account by individual known to the victim; at 7:44 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, theft of commercial services; on August 11 at 5:55 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, personal property stolen from locker; on August 12 at 11:00 a.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, some-

one stole four backpack vacuum cleaners from a janitor's closet. Video camera footage confirmed that someone walked out with the vacuum cleaners. On August 13 at 8:28 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, suspect known to the victim took the victim's credit card and used it fraudulently.

Theft from Auto
On August 8 at 5:10 p.m. near Ridge Road, a window was broken and work tools taken from vehicle; on August 9 at 6:57 a.m. near 8000 Craddock Road, vehicle left unlocked and personal property taken; at 7:21 a.m. near 7000 Megan Lane, driver-side window broken, vehicle rummaged through, and multiple items were stolen, including four firearms and ammunition; at 4:09 p.m. near 7600 Hanover Parkway, rear driver-side window broken, personal property taken; on August 10 at 4:01 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, airbags were stolen from a Honda Pilot and two Honda Civics; on August 11 at 7:19 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, front tag stolen; on August 13 at 9:20 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, vehicle owner reported that her original tags had been stolen and replaced with tags that did not belong to her. Those tags were determined to have been stolen and were taken into evidence. On August 14 at 10:09 a.m. near 9003 Breezewood Terrace, passenger window smashed, personal property taken.

Correction: The attempted carjacking victim on July 26 was not a federal officer, but an armed security guard working under contract for the federal government.



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Kyla and Cesar greet Chester the dog.

door. "Hi Cesar," she said, happily. He greeted her by name. They spoke warmly for a minute, and then we moved on to the next house. At every house where someone was home, the situation repeated itself, with the residents coming to the door to greet Cesar, smiles on their faces, a giant smile on his.

"Wow," I said. "So it's not just our house." All this time I thought we were best friends and it turned out Cesar is best friends with everyone. To walk with him is to be enveloped in that joyful love.

As he talked to residents, he would make little asides to me. "She's always a joy," he said of one, "she always makes me laugh. We give each other positive energy."

And the residents have things to say about Cesar. "He is Mr. Smiles," one told me. "He runs everywhere." "He's got his fan-base among the dogs." "Cesar is the best." "Whenever I see his face, I'm so happy." "He's a wonderful guy."

"I look forward to coming to work," Cesar said. "My kids are excited and they say, 'are you

going to see Gus Gus today, you going to see Chester?'" Gus Gus and Chester are some of the dogs on his route, and Cesar described them as his customers, too. "I deliver a lot of litter, a lot of dog food, snacks for them."

When we got to Chester's house, Cesar introduced us. "This is Chester, he's my best friend." I would have been jealous of Chester, except I already understood that I, too, am one of Cesar's best friends, just like Gus Gus,

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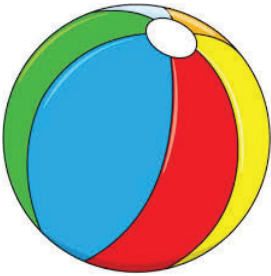
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ERHS Girls Soccer Teams
Gear Up for the Fall Season

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Rising senior Kamilla Yokley competes with an opponent from Seton during a summer league matchup for the Raiders Blue squad on July 28.

Yet another summer storm prevented the end-of-season tournament for the Prince George’s County 7v7 High School Girls Soccer League from finishing the season. The season was brighter for the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team, which entered two teams into the summer league. The Raiders White squad ended in first place with a 7-0-1 record, led by rising sophomores Jada Savage and Sadie Swart. Gabriella Martinez added yet another scoring dimension for the squad. The Raiders Blue squad, sporting a talented trio of freshmen – Autumn Freeman, Esther Obisesan and Claudia van der Have – was the only team to defeat Bowie during the summer season from June 30 to August 4.

Teams competed at Fairland Regional Park in Laurel each Thursday night of the summer. For the fall season that began on Wednesday, August 10, the league includes Roosevelt and Bowie, along with players from high schools, both public and private, across the county. Flowers, Pallotti, the International High School at Langley Park, Park-

dale, Northwestern, High Point, Bladensburg and Elizabeth Seton will also participate, in an effort to heighten soccer opportunities in the county.

With the return of a strong central midfield consisting of Savage, Swart and junior Kaia Booker, the Raiders expect to improve upon last season’s 9-4-1 campaign. Senior Mia Hamilton will assume the starting goalkeeping duties with a returning and reliable centerback duo of Victoria Obisesan and Grace Zack. The Raiders aim to replace the scoring of graduated senior Sophie Swart, older sister of Sadie. With the influx of young talent, they expect to be ready for a schedule with several tests both in and out of county, including visits to Bishop McNamara and the Bullis School as well as a home matchup with the Bowie Bulldogs, who bested the Raiders 2-1 last season. Returning starters Julia Beckmann and Sarai DeSouza will also be significant contributors for a Raider squad hoping to regain the county championship trophy, which they won from 2013 through 2019.



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Bubbles and the humans he encounters on his route. In Cesar’s world, there’s enough love to go around. Chester came outside and we patted him for a few minutes. I was the beneficiary of both human and animal affection for Cesar that day.

Cesar taught me about mail delivery. “It’s important to have a good set of glasses and a good pair of shoes.” He showed me short cuts, how he puts the mail in the outside boxes in such a way as to protect it from rain, how he hides packages, how to deliver the perishables first, how to choose where to strategically park the truck for each section. We talked about how he keeps an eye on the residents. If there is someone who is older but he hasn’t seen in a while, he might check in with a neighbor. “Do you know if that person has gone away?” To walk with Cesar is to experience a community that is cared for, that is seen and that is celebrated.

But it’s not just the people on his route. Our house, for instance, is not on his route. “I wave ‘hello’ to everyone,” he said, “because they could be my customers. They could move into my neighborhood, and if they have pets I’m even happier because I get to pet them.”

Some of the care Cesar takes is how he sees his job: delivering the mail quickly, securely, professionally; and making sure people know the mail has arrived in case they are waiting for something important. But it is much more than that. It is Cesar.

“You are very loved,” I observed.

“This is supposed to be a thankless job, but I’ve been very privileged ... What other job do you get to see your friends every day?”

I only spent 30 minutes with Cesar on his route, covering what he estimated was a 10th of the total. But something Cesar said to me will last, I hope, my lifetime. One of his colleagues once asked him how he knew everyone, and he replied that he treated each person he met like they were friends already. Not strangers. Not stand-offish. Friends already. May we all make it so.



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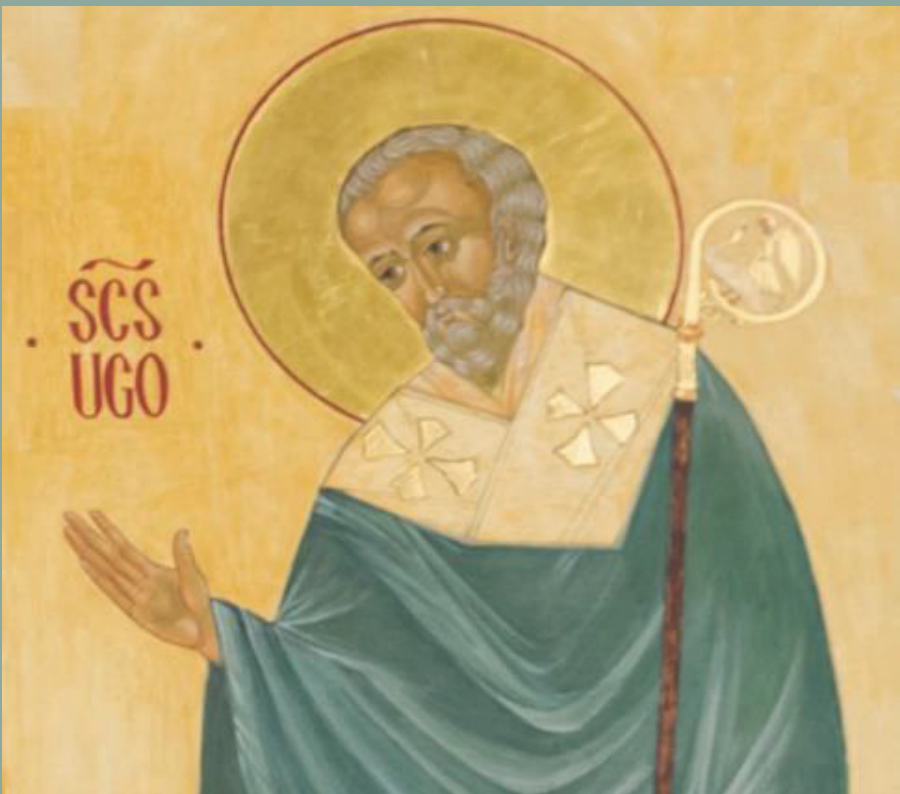
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